

Prayer and Fasting: a Longing for Jesus

(Mark 2:18-19) ¹⁸Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁹And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?"

(Mark 2:19-21) As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. ²¹No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it,

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and a worse tear is made. ²²And no one
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(John 6:35-36) ³⁵Jesus said to them,
“I am the bread of life; whoever comes
to me shall not hunger, and whoever
believes in me shall never thirst.” ³⁶But
I said to you that you have seen me and
yet do not believe.

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- 1) The One we long for has come.
- 2) We will long for more of Jesus' presence until we are with Him in His Fullness.

(Matt 6:17-18) ¹⁷But when you fast,
anoint your head and wash your face,
¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by
others but by your Father who is in
secret. And your Father who sees in
secret will reward you.